

Lewisham Cyclists recommendations for Active Travel Benefits in Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) implementations in London Borough of Lewisham (LBL)

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With LBL's recently stated commitment to rapidly expand its Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) deployment we wanted to make some recommendations as to how the roll-out could directly benefit active travel modes and increase the numbers of people walking and cycling in the Borough. This would be in line with the Lewisham Mayor and London Mayor's current strategies on active travel.

We believe the enhanced roll-out of CPZ should be particularly focused on areas having the highest propensity for active travel, while having the most pressing environmental issues related to uncontrolled parking e.g. obstruction of pavements by parked vehicles, abandoned vehicles, cross Borough-boundary parking. These areas tend to be focused in the less affluent parts of the Borough with lowest levels of car ownership.

Our detailed recommendations are as follows:

- 1) Abolish pavement parking in all new CPZs.
- 2) Provision of future Cycle Hangers (on-street lockable cycle storage units), or other on-street cycle parking solutions, to always be included in any resident consultations, so LBL do not need to consult again subsequently.
- 3) Targeted and progressive reduction in car parking when implementing CPZ - discourage motor vehicle use.
- 4) Increase in Shared Electric Vehicle spaces provided with exclusive re-charging points - encourage Shared Electric Vehicle use.
- 5) Where local shops lie within a CPZ allow parking spaces to be repurposed for cycle parking <https://www.cyclehoop.com/product/racks/car-bike-port/> or for shop use e.g. covered shelters, cafe seating. <https://londonnewsonline.co.uk/new-parklet-opens-in-hither-green/>
- 6) Specific attention to design of CPZ along cycle routes to benefit people on bicycles for example:
 - a. Aim for reduction of vehicle parking along key cycle routes to improve riding conditions for cyclists e.g. Childers Street on Quietway 1.
 - b. Improve visibility at junctions - 10m of double-yellow lines wherever practicable.
 - c. Modal filters to be kept clear of parked cars - 5m of double-yellow lines either side of the filter as a minimum.
 - d. Selectively remove vehicle parking to enable contra-flow cycling on all one-way streets.
- 7) Highways works to implement CPZ to include mandatory audit of adjacent cycle routes and resolution of any sub-standard areas e.g. signage, re-surfacing.

- 8) Residents without motor vehicles to be allowed to apply for 'residential green growing permit' to re-purpose parking spaces for pocket parks, vegetable growing etc.
<https://inspiringsustainableisleington.org/residential-green-growing-permit/>
- 9) Use a ring-fenced proportion (we suggest 25%) of net income from Parking to put into active travel infrastructure schemes to enable more people to walk and cycle e.g. create a Cycle Infrastructure Small Scheme fund. We have many small-scale projects that could be implemented easily given available funding e.g. contra-flow cycling in one way streets, modest improvements to existing cycle routes (signage, drop kerbs, widening etc.), new cycle and walking routes (e.g. Elm Lane to Waterlink Way).
- 10) Use more of Parking net income to improve active enforcement of parking restrictions benefiting pedestrians and cyclists, for example:
 - a. Around shopping areas where inconsiderate parking is common on double yellow lines and pavements which is hazardous to pedestrians and cyclists alike.
 - b. Where motorists obstruct cycle lanes and modal filters e.g. Ashby Road mandatory cycle lane.

About Lewisham Cyclists

Lewisham Cyclists (LC) are the local borough group of the London Cycling Campaign (LCC) with more than 1500 supporters of whom over 700 are fully paid-up members of LCC. We speak up on behalf of everyone who cycles or wants to cycle in the London Borough of Lewisham and its adjacent local parks; and we speak up for a greener, healthier, happier and better-connected capital.

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